

24 January 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR POLICY COORDINATION

SUBJECT: Project [REDACTED]

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1. The undersigned has participated with the Office of the General Counsel in consummating several contracts for NSA/JFC in the implementation of this project. In so doing, prior confirmation had been secured that the project had been approved, and that funds had been allocated for its accomplishment.

2. I have recently examined the "project", however, and it appears that the only documents indicating OPC or CIA approval concern a single phase of the project which was approved by the ANPC in July 1950. This phase has since been implemented.

3. The Division and the Budget Officer/OPC have apparently considered this as comprehensive approval for the entire program envisaged in NSC-26, and several other "projects" or phases of the program have apparently been undertaken without project consideration by either the Project Review Committee, the Assistant Director for Policy Coordination or, if appropriate, by the Covert Coordination Committee.

3. There appears to be no question but that the program is fully approved in principle by the Director for Central Intelligence in view of its level of policy origin. There is no indication, however, of this approval or that the various activities or projects to carry out the program have received formal approval or consideration at appropriate Agency levels.

4. To remedy this situation, if only to regularize past actions and to establish the concepts under which future projects or phases of this program should be implemented, it is recommended that:

a. The program be presented to the Project Review Committee for review and confirmation of its approval;

b. That the Project Review Committee specifically state whether or not the individual projects to carry out the program should be submitted to the Project Review Committee as they may be developed;

is basically completed and that the DCI was thoroughly aware of the activity. The matter will however be brought to the attention of the DCI in connection with an "indemnity" agreement required in conjunction with a current phase of the project.

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c. That individual projects be prepared and approved by OPC in accordance with OPC Regulation 50-1 for each "entity of operations" designed to carry out the approved program.

d. That projects involving the gift of money or material or extraordinary contractual relationships be processed through the Covert Coordination Committee in order to ensure administrative coordination and support.

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